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## Court of Appeals Unveils Exhibit Celebrating Courthouse Centennial

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is celebrating its 100th year in the classic *beaux-arts* courthouse here. The imposing structure at Seventh and Mission streets was recently renamed the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse in honor of one of the court's longest serving judges. Judge Browning was nominated to the court in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and continues to serve the court today.



The centennial celebration kicked off recently with the unveiling of a historical exhibit tracing the important role of the court in development of the West over the past century. Each station in the 10-station exhibit features text and pictures that summarize a decade of history and highlight an important case heard by the court during that period. The case panels display a photograph of the author of the opinion and brief autobiographical information. The exhibit also provides a timeline that provides historical and cultural milestones, ranging from the early flights of the Wright Brothers to the opening of Disneyland. Colors used in the panels were drawn from the building's interior in the exhibit.

The display was funded through the Ninth Circuit Attorney Admission Fund, which is overseen by a committee that includes Circuit Judges Marsha Berzon of San Francisco and Richard Clifton of Honolulu. Research and image acquisition was undertaken by Ninth Circuit library staff in cooperation with the Pacific Region office of the National Archives and Records Administration in San Bruno, Calif., the Oakland Museum of California and the San Francisco History Center. The exhibit was designed by S2 Associates, Inc., a museum display firm in San Rafael, Calif., and fabricated by Bigler Fine Art Services of San Leandro, Calif.

The exhibit is open during the court's regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days. It will remain in San Francisco through the summer, then become a traveling exhibit on display in other courts of the Ninth Circuit.

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